power to go and inspect these factories. That does not mean he is alone to do it.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Is the Inspector of Boilers still an Inspector of Foctories also?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I should think it is so. Rather I would like to have notice of it.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—What is the average minimum wage prevalent in these Factories?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I regret I have not got the information.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Can the information be given if notice is given?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Yes.

Collection of toll on Agricultural products at Kallur Toll.

72. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(1) whether there were Proceedings of the Diwan that toll should not be collected on agricultural products at the Kallur toll (sub-toll of Palapilli toll);

(2) have the Government received petitions complaining about the collection of toll on agricultural products by the said toll-gate keeper ; if so, what action was taken ?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—(1) No. But there is an order to the effect that no toll will be levied on conveyances used for the transport of agricultural produce, manure, etc.

(2) Yes ; a petition has been received. The allegations contained in it are being investigated.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Besides this petition has the Revenue Member received any reports from the revenue authorities also regarding this?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—Last time also in answer to a similar question it was said that there was a report from the Revenue Inspector. I have called for the explanation of the contractor and I am taking action on it.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Was not this matter brought to the notice of the authorities in the last Council; and may I know the reason for the delay in taking action?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—I am taking action. I have called for the explanation of the contractor. That is also forwarded for a detailed enquiry.

Extension of channel for irrigation—petition from the people of Alur Village.

73. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state :—

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(a) whether the Chief Engineer has received a petition, dated 29th Meenam 1109 from the people of Alur Village, Talappalli Taluk, requesting to extend the channel for irrigation ; if so,

(b) whether the prayer has been sanctioned ;

(c) whether a copy of the reply sent to the petitioners be printed and placed on the table ;

(d) how many times during the last five years the Chief Engineer and the Diwan have received petitions regarding this matter ;

(e) whether the replies to all such petitions be printed and placed on the table ;

(f) what will be the cost of extending the channel as prayed for by the petitioners ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) A petition was received by the Chief Engineer on 5th June 1934/23rd Edavam 1109.

(b) No. The matter is under consideration by the P. W. D.

(c) No reply has as yet been given.

(d) It is not possible to give correct information.

(e) The Member is referred to the answer to the question No. 107 of the 1108 Vrischigam Session and No. 49 of the Karkadagam Session.

(f) About Rs. 1,200 as per the Eastern Division Assistant Engineer's cost report.

Agricultural and Industrial Exhibition and cattle show at Perumpilavu—payment of grant to.

74. **Mr. K. T. Mathew.**—Will the Government be pleased to mention:—

(a) whether any grant was given for Agricultural and Industrial Exhibition Cattle show and Bullock Race held at Perumpilavu in Talappalli Taluk in the last four years ; and if the answer is in the affirmative,

(b) the amount of grant annually given in the aforesaid period ;

(c) the reason for giving the grant ;

(d) whether any grant was given last time when the above exhibition was held ; if the answer is in the negative,

(e) what is the reason for not giving the grant on the last occasion ;

(f) whether the Diwan had attended any function connected with the above exhibition in the last four years ; and if so,

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